

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims.

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
 - a first electronic program guide memory configured to be in communication with a first receiver, the memory configured to provide information regarding a broadcast program to be received by the first receiver;
 - a user input receiver configured to receive an input from a user selecting a desired program scheduled to be available in the future from the first receiver;
 - a transmitter configured to transmit a notification of the program selected directly to a second remote electronic program guide memory connected to a second receiver prior to the selected program being available, wherein said transmitter also is configured to transmit directly an alert message indicating said program selected to an SMS server to be forwarded as an SMS to a mobile handset.
2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitter comprises a network modem.
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitter is in communication with a reception means located at the second electronic program guide memory and the reception means further comprises authorization means for determining if a notification received originated within an authorized remote electronic program guide system.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit said notification as an electronic mail to said second remote electronic program guide memory.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said notification includes information indicating the program selected from said first electronic program guide memory.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said notification includes recording parameters for the program selected that is scheduled to be available in the future from the first receiver.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said authorization means further are arranged to authorize recording of the program selected from said first electronic program guide if a notification received originated within an authorized remote electronic program guide memory.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said notification includes information indicating the program selected from said first electronic program guide and recording parameters for the program selected that is scheduled to be available in the future from the first receiver.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising means for generating recording instructions to a recording device associated with said second electronic program guide system based on said notification.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, further comprising user input means for obtaining user acceptance of said notification before generating the recording instructions.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said transmitter is arranged to transmit a notification of the program selected from said first electronic program guide to a plurality of remote electronic program guide systems.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said apparatus is incorporated in an integrated receiver decoder.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said apparatus is incorporated in a set-top box.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said apparatus is incorporated in a mobile handset.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said apparatus is incorporated in a television receiver.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein aid apparatus is incorporated in a mobile display appliance.

18.– 26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium, comprising computer executable instructions that when executed perform the method of:

generating an electronic program guide comprising information regarding a broadcast program to be received by a first receiver that is in communication with the electronic program guide, wherein the electronic program guide allows the identification of a program of interest;

providing selection options for a desired program scheduled to be available in the future from said electronic program guide;

creating a notification of the program selected from said electronic program guide;

transmitting the notification of the program selected from said electronic program guide directly to at least one remote electronic program guide memory that is in communication with a second receiver prior to the selected program being available; and

transmitting directly an alert message indicating said program selected to an SMS server to be forwarded as an SMS to a mobile handset.

28. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing an electronic program guide for identification of a program of interest; providing selection options for a desired program scheduled to be available in the future from said electronic program guide;

creating a notification of the program selected from said electronic program guide;
obtaining transmission of the notification of the program selected from said electronic program guide directly to at least one remote electronic program guide system prior to the selected program being available; and
obtaining transmission directly of an alert message indicating said program selected to an SMS server to be forwarded as an SMS to a mobile handset.

29. (Cancelled)

30 (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a receiver configured to receive at least one electronic program guide corresponding to a broadcast program at an electronic program guide memory;
a user-input receiver configured to receive a user input selecting a desired program scheduled to be available in the future from the first receiver;
a transmitter configured to access a communications network and further being configured to transmit a notification of the program selected from said electronic program guide directly to at least one remote electronic program guide memory that is in communication with a second receiver prior to the selected program being available; and
a receiver configured to receive a notification from a remote electronic program guide system via an SMS.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising computer-executable instructions that when executed perform the method comprising:

receiving a notification directly from a first receiver via SMS of a program scheduled to be available in the future selected from an electronic program guide in a remote first electronic program guide memory that is operatively connected to a the first receiver, wherein the notification is received at a second electronic program guide memory that is operatively connected to a second receiver.

32. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium, comprising computer-executable instructions that when executed perform the method comprising:

transmitting a notification directly from a first receiver via SMS of a program scheduled to be available in the future selected from a first electronic program guide in a remote first electronic program guide memory that is operatively connected to a the first receiver via an SMS, wherein the notification is configured to be received at a second electronic program guide memory that is operatively connected to a second receiver.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable instructions as claimed in claim 31, further comprising:

determining at the remote second remote electronic program guide system if a notification received originated within an authorized remote electronic program guide system.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable instructions as claimed in claim 31, further comprising:

receiving said notification as an electronic mail.

35. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable instructions as claimed in claim 33, further comprising:

authorizing recording of the program selected from said first electronic program guide if a notification received originated within an authorized remote electronic program guide system.

36. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable instructions as claimed in claim 31, further comprising:

generating recording instructions to a recording device associated with said electronic program guide system based on said notification.

37. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable instructions as claimed in claim 36, further comprising the step of:

obtaining user acceptance of said notification before generating the recording instructions.

38. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable instructions as claimed in claim 32, further comprising the step of:

transmitting a notification of the program selected from said electronic program guide to a plurality of remote electronic program guide systems.